Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 20 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Monday 21 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 19 Dec 2020 at 13:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the generally showery pattern, medium to low for the extent of longer periods of snow and rain for Monday, then confidence recovering for the limited showery northwesterly flow from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 20 Dec 2020: Severe gales over summits. Showers, these most frequent overnight and for coming evening, particularly in southwest.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 20 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	50%	30%	30%	30%	30%	50%	40%

Forecast for Sunday 20 Dec 2020

Weather: Rather cloudy overnight with showers, these mainly across southern and western peaks. Outbreaks easing towards dawn. A few isolated showers between the sunny spells through the day, with outbreaks focused west of the A9. During the evening the showers will build from the west. Snow level 700-900m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: By day 85% in southwest and 95% in northeast, then during the evening 70% in southwest and 85% in northeast with bases lowering in and around showers to 500-700m and later longer periods of snow and rain.

Visibility: Good or very good lowering to a handful of kilometres in showers and longer periods of snow and rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/60 S	48/64 SW	42/57 SW	39/53 SW	36/50 SW	35/49 SW	40/56 S	36/51 SW	34/48 SW
900	48/60 S	51/64 SW	41/52 SW	39/49 SW	36/46 SW	37/49 SW	44/57 S	36/48 SW	32/42 SW
600	33/45 S	35/48 SW	26/37 SW	22/33 SW	24/34 SW	25/37 SW	30/44 S	25/38 SW	21/33 SW
300	18/40 S	20/43 SW	15/32 SW	12/28 SW	11/27 S	14/33 SW	17/37 S	15/33 SW	12/28 SW
Glen	7/30 SW	7/31 SW	7/27 SW	6/24 SW	6/24 SW	7/27 SW	8/30 SW	6/26 SW	6/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-13	-4/-14	-3/-12	-2/-11
900	0/-9	1/-8	0/-8	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-9	-0/-10	0/-8	1/-7
600	3/-4	3/-5	3/-4	3/-3	3/-4	2/-4	2/-5	3/-4	3/-3
300	4/-1	5/-0	4/-0	4/0	5/1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0	4/1
Glen	5/1	5/0	5/0	5/2	5/2	5/1	4/-0	4/0	5/2
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	800m	700m	900m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Highest chance of potentially hazardous conditions across highest peaks in the southwest overnight and from early evening, with a severe wind chill in the severe gales.

Forecast for Monday 21 Dec 2020

Weather: A showery day with outbreaks most frequent in the west and south where they may merge into longer periods of snow and rain at times. Snow level around 800m lowering 600m from afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwest 20-25mph with gusts reaching 35mph across more exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in southwest and 80% in northeast with bases lowering in and around showers or longer periods of snow and rain to 500-700m.

Visibility: Good or very good lowering to a handful of kilometres in showers or longer periods of snow and rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius increasing 9 Celsius for a time during the afternoon
At 800m: Zero Celsius lowering Minus 3 Celsius for a time during afternoon and early evening
Freezing level: 800m lowering 600m for a time during afternoon and early evening

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